

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT

An image pickup apparatus ~~comprises~~ includes an image capture device ~~(21)~~ which captures an image of an article, an electronic tag reader ~~(38)~~ which reads electronic tag information from an electronic tag, and a writing device. ~~, when~~ When the image of the article is captured by the image capture device, ~~which causes~~ the electronic tag reader ~~to read~~ reads electronic tag information from the electronic tag, and the writing device writes the image of the article captured by the image capture device into the electronic tag.